

HONORING MICHAEL BITTEL FOR HIS DEDICATION TO SERVING THE NORTH COUNTRY BUSINESS COMMUNITY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Bittel for his hard work and advocacy on behalf of the Adirondack business community. Since 2018, Mr. Bittel has led the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce, the ARCC, as both the president and CEO, and now, after years of dedication, Mr. Bittel is retiring.

Throughout his extensive career, Mr. Bittel has prioritized supporting local businesses and his community's health and well-being. Prior to his current role at ARCC, Mr. Bittel served as COO at Hometown Healthcare and Co-CEO of the King Arthur Flour Company in Vermont. Mr. Bittel has served on the Boards for the March of Dimes New York, the Glens Falls Hospital, and the Northwest New York Salvation Army. In his latest position as president of the ARCC, Mr. Bittel has often devoted ten-to-twelve hours each day to ensure smooth, continued operations of the Adirondack region's small businesses.

The COVID-19 pandemic and its aftereffects have proven to be exceptionally difficult on small businesses and neighborhoods across the country and throughout the Adirondacks, but Mr. Bittel presented himself as a strong leader in the face of difficulty. He worked to support struggling businesses in the height of the pandemic, advocated for proper funding for restaurants, and provided guidance for seasonal businesses in the midst of confusing and trying times. Throughout each new obstacle over the past several years, Mr. Bittel stepped forward as a chief advocate for businesses in his region.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to celebrate the retirement of Michael Bittel. His dedication to public service and tireless support of small businesses in the Adirondacks has been essential to the North Country's ability to thrive during these unprecedented times. I wish him a happy and blessed retirement.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF AIDAN SWARTZ ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Aidan Swartz of Sylvania, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Aidan's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. At-

tending one of our Nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Aidan brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Northview High School in Sylvania, Ohio, Aidan participated in Leadership Academy and Football Leadership. Throughout high school, Aidan played football earning his varsity letter and becoming team captain. After high school, he attended the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Aidan Swartz on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Aidan will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

HONORING MR. BONARD MACE

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Bonard Mace, a distinguished Superintendent from my district who is retiring this year after a career of service.

Mr. Bonard Mace is a dedicated educator of 39 years, who served as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the Hoxie, Westside, Nettleton, and Gosnell school districts. He is retiring as the Superintendent of Gosnell after also serving as an Assistant Principal, High School Principal, and Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Mace devoted his careers to his students and played an essential role in teaching and preparing the next generation to be leaders and public servants. His hard work and dedication is invaluable in our communities, and I am certain the First District is better because of his service.

FL-16 LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage, and dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Twelve years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement

Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Lt. Sean Felton, Deputies Kelsey Belloise, Timothy Downey, Hugo Garcia, Grace King, Alexander Nikias, Monica Ruiz, Todd Sellitto, Logan Wilson and Robert Wildt of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Dedication and Professionalism Award: Lt. Phillip Waller and Sgt. Aaron Pilant of the Bradenton Police Department; Officer Chris Bennett of the Holmes Beach Police Department; Deputies Maria Gillum and Rafael Ortegon, and Detective Derek Pollock of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Gary Tibbetts Career Service Award: Assistant Chief Josh Cramer and Detective James Curulla of the Bradenton Police Department; Barbara Ehrhart of the Florida Highway Patrol; Detective John Lake of the Sarasota Police Department; Lt. Christopher Montalbano of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

Preservation of Life Award: Deputies Ryan Banning, Michael Beers, Leonel Garcia, Zameul Sanchez Garcia, Kyle Kaskiw, Joshua Langieri, Micah Osornio, Benjamin Quick, Grant Weisman, and Detective Scott Williamson of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Detective Vincent Diorio of the Palmetto Police Department; Officers Adam Bearden, Whitney Bentz, Ridge Collins, Terry Crenshaw, Timothy Dederick, Julius Gonzalez, Nathan Lynn, Molly Spencer, and Officer Eric Urbain of the Sarasota Police Department.

Unit Citation Award: Lt. Mark Morie, Sergeants Seamus Dwyer, Stephen Ives, Brian Quiles, and Theron Robinson and Detectives Bryan Lake, Carmine Luper, Steven Luke, and James Parrish of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office Crimes Against Children Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, and Technical Services Unit; Sergeants Stephen Barron and Paul Bulso, Detectives Kelsey Belloise, Ernest Bichsel, Keith English, Philip Fellows, Lucas Freitas-Ferreira, Cody Hobbs, Grace King, Jeremy Martin, Matthew Schwartz, and Austyn Shear of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Division Tactical Unit; Sergeants Sean Carter and Jonathan Misiewicz, Officers Nicholas Bernier, Brenton Bieker, Jarrod Chapman, Timothy Dederick, Giovanni Gonzalez, Julius Gonzalez, Nicholas Laquidara, Nathan Lynn, Aaron Modrow, Jordan Osinga, Elise Schanley, Lauren Stevens, Eric Urbain, Becky Worthington, and Alfonso Varlaro of the Sarasota Police Department Patrol Shift 2A Unit.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Electronic